

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2417
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH DECEMBER, 2018**

ALLOCATION OF 4G SPECTRUM TO BSNL AND MTNL

2417. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) that have 4G spectrum;
- (b) whether the Government has allocated 4G spectrum to BSNL and MTNL and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the BSNL and MTNL have long been requesting for allocation of the said spectrum and if so, the reasons for not acceding to the said request of these companies; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to allocate the said spectrum to these companies?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) The following private Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) have been allotted spectrum in 800 MHz, 900MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz bands on market determined price to provide mobile services deploying any technology including 4G. They have also been allotted spectrum on administrative basis. It can be liberalized and be used for any technology including 4G.

1. Aircel Limited / Dishnet Wireless Limited,
2. Bharti Airtel Limited,
3. Reliance Communications Limited / Reliance Telecom Limited,
4. Tata Teleservices Limited / Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Limited,
5. Vodafone Idea Limited
6. Reliance JioInfocomm Limited

(b) to (d) Spectrum has been allotted to both Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) & Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in 2100 MHz band and to BSNL in 2500 MHz band, at market determined price and therefore they can deploy any technology including 4G services. The details of such spectrum holdings are enclosed as Annexure-I. BSNL has already started 4G services in a few Licensed Service Areas (LSAs). However, keeping in view of the data driven telecom scenario where around 85% of the data usage is through 4G services, BSNL and MTNL have submitted proposal to allot spectrum for providing 4G services to remain competitive in the telecom market.

The proposals are under consideration of the Department.

ANNEXURE-I

Spectrum Holding		2100 MHz		2500 MHz
SI No.	Service Area	BSNL (MHz)	MTNL (MHz)	BSNL (MHz)
1	Andhra Pradesh	10.0	----	----
2	Assam	10.0	----	20.0
3	Bihar	10.0	----	20.0
4	Delhi	---	10.0	----
5	Gujarat	10.0	----	----
6	Haryana	10.0	----	20.0
7	Himachal Pradesh	10.0	----	20.0
8	Jammu & Kashmir	10.0	----	20.0
9	Karnataka	10.0	----	----
10	Kerala	10.0	----	20.0
11	Kolkata	10.0	----	----
12	Madhya Pradesh	10.0	----	20.0
13	Maharashtra	10.0	----	----
14	Mumbai	----	10.0	----
15	North East	10.0	----	20.0
16	Orissa	10.0	----	20.0
17	Punjab	10.0	----	20.0
18	Rajasthan	10.0	----	20.0
19	Tamil Nadu	10.0	----	----
20	Uttar Pradesh (East)	10.0	----	20.0
21	Uttar Pradesh (West)	10.0	----	20.0
22	West Bengal	10.0	----	20.0
	Total	200	20	280
